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LONDON, N.W.9

7th January, 1953.

Dear Professor Lederberg,

I am writing this letter to ask a favour of you.

It is very probable that I shall be coming to the United States early in 1953 on a World Health Organization Fellowship. If this trip materializes - and I have been given to understand that it is almost certain to do so - I should like to carry out my postponed visit to your laboratory.

According to a provisional itinerary my visit to you would be [subject, of course, to your approval] for one working month, that is, from Monday, 18th May to Saturday, 13th June, 1953. Perhaps you would be kind enough to let me know whether this suits you so that I may inform the World Health Organization in Geneva accordingly as soon as I have official news from them.

I have read your recent paper in the Journal of Bacteriology with the greatest interest. One would of course like to know what part transduction plays in the natural evolution of microorganisms. There are many points connected with it that I hope to discuss with you when I come to America.

I expect that the O phages arrived safely and I wish you success with them as transducing agents.

Stocker is proving a worthy disciple of yours and has already impressed everyone with the quality of his work in continuation of the grounding acquired in your department.

Please pass my best wishes to Spicer.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. S. Anderson'.

E. S. Anderson

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